



SC Annual School  
Report Card  
Summary

A.R. Lewis Elementary  
PICKENS COUNTY  
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 225  
Principal: Thomas P. Polidor  
Superintendent: Dr. Daniel Merck, Ed. D.  
Board Chair: Alex Saitta

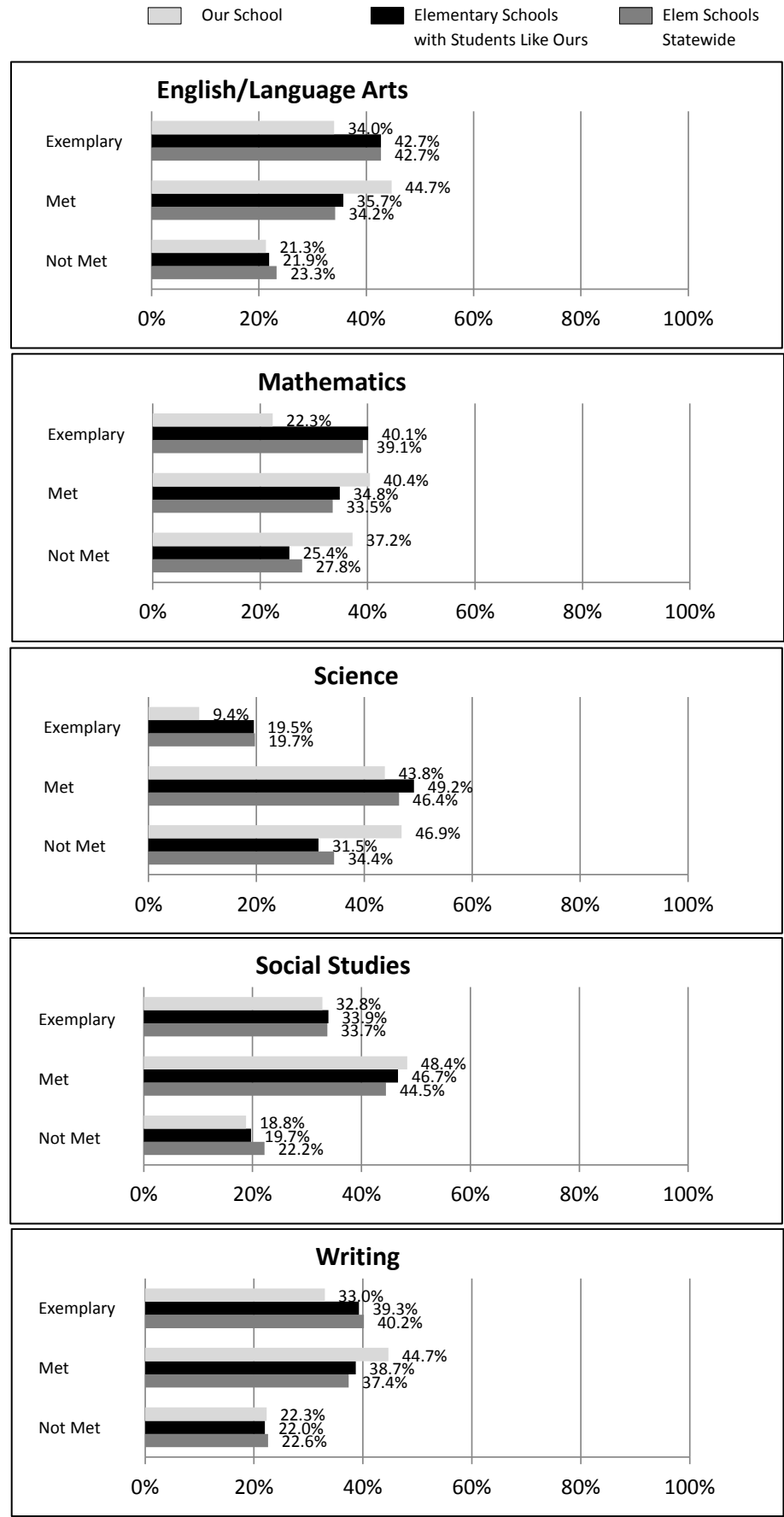
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on <a href="http://www.ed.sc.gov">www.ed.sc.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.eoc.sc.gov">www.eoc.sc.gov</a> as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Average	At-Risk	TBD	TBD	B	Reward
2013	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	A	Reward
2012	Good	Average	N/A	N/A	A	Reward

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS\*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
29	48	46	2	1

\* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP\*

\*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 225)				
Retention rate	5.1%	Up from 2.2%	1.1%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Down from 96.4%	96.4%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	7.4%	Down from 13.1%	7.4%	7.3%
With disabilities	14.0%	Down from 15.6%	13.7%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.2%	Up from 1.6%	2.1%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 17)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	76.5%	Up from 61.1%	60.9%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	88.2%	Up from 83.3%	83.5%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	88.7%	Up from 86.1%	89.2%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	96.1%	Down from 96.5%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$46,595	Up 2.9%	\$48,402	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	8.6 days	Down from 9.8 days	10.7 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	4.0	Up from 3.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	N/R	N/A	20.1 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.0%	Down from 90.9%	90.3%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Good	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$10,035	Down 8.1%	\$7,513	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	58.0%	Down from 60.0%	66.8%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	57.5%	Up from 57.0%	66.0%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	80.7	Down from 95.2	87.3	85.7

\* Length of contract = 185+ days.  
\*\*Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	17	27	14
Percent satisfied with learning environment	94.1%	96.3%	92.8%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	93.8%	100.0%	92.9%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	92.6%	92.8%

\*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Albert R. Lewis Elementary is a small “student-centered” Title 1 school nestled in the foothills of Pickens County. We serve a student population of 230 students from pre-kindergarten through grade five, and we are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our focus continues to be student achievement, school climate/parent involvement, and teacher/ administrator quality.

Student achievement continues to be a top priority. The school report card rating for the past two years was an “A” rating, and performance continues to substantially exceed state expectations. Once again, we have been recognized as a Title 1 Rewards School for Performance for the 2013-2014 school year. While maintaining its family-friendly atmosphere, the school strives to provide data-driven, differentiated and individualized instruction to ensure success for all students. We have a talented faculty and staff that strive daily to provide an outstanding education to our students. Their efforts and the achievement of our students have led to many awards and accolades for which we are very proud. Mrs. Pauline Blackston was selected as the Pickens County School District Support Person of the Year, Mrs. Angela Hendricks was selected as the South Carolina Media Paraprofessional of the year, and Ms. Bonnie McCombs received the WYFF Golden Apple award. We were awarded the 2013 Bronze National Recognition Award by former President Bill Clinton at the Healthy Generation National Conference. The school climate continues to improve through the leadership of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) team. PBIS sets common positive expectations for the school and classroom. Incentives are provided for students when they demonstrate those expectations. Our character education program continues to recognize students who display attributes of good citizenship; parents and students participate in a character education luncheon each month at the school. Activities beyond the classroom continue to be part of our instructional program. This year students participated in the FLL robotics team regional competition, safety patrol, school chorus, Jump Rope for Heart, Christmas Tree Lighting at Blue Ridge Electric, mentoring programs, YAMS, Title 1 Family Nights, Superintendent’s Advisory Council, and the PTA Spring Fling. During the school year, the teachers participated in professional development in team building workshops, Accelerated Reader, STAR Reading, writing, interactive notebooks, data analysis, technology, parent/teacher relations, and effective classroom management.

We appreciate our PTA parent volunteers, mentors, School Improvement Council, and our business partners that strive to provide an outstanding education for all the students. Our biggest challenge is to provide our students and staff with the training and technology skills needed for the 21st Century.

Robin Smith, Chairperson Thomas Polidor, Principal